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News Briefs

Phi Theta Kappa to initiate 29

Phi Theta Kappa honor society will initiate new members at its annual banquet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wyatt's Cafeteria on South Beckham Street.

Parents and faculty are invited to the banquet at which 29 initiates will join 16 members. Banquet tickets cost \$5.25.

To be considered for membership, a student must attain a 3.5 grade point average with at least 15 hours of courses in one semester, 12 of which lead toward a baccalaureate degree. Moral character and citizenship are also considered, said Sponsor Lena Exum.

Students to model fashions

The John Freeman Fashion Show at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow in the Student Center will feature clothing from John Freeman and Selber Brothers stores. Models are TJC students, faculty and staff.

Tickets can be bought in the fashion merchandising classes in 114 Jenkins Hall. Tickets cost \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

"The show will be of interest to all ages. It will appeal to a varied group," said Fashion Merchandising Instructor Debbie Welch.

The money earned from the show will benefit the program's scholarship fund.

Geology buffs find fossils

Geological Society members recently went on a field trip to the Weches Outcrop on Highway 69 north of Jacksonville.

The Cretaceous period formation, 65-135 million years old, shows evidence that the area was once under water.

They found fossil evidence of sharks, crabs, plants and various shellfish.

Geology Instructor Marsha Layton and Geology Lab Instructor Dr. Nancy Alexander helped members identify specimens.

The group plans another field trip April 30 to tour Core Laboratories, said Club President Matt Martin.

Campus welcomes French

TJC was involved in welcoming visitors from Metz, France, Tyler's Sister City.

The Apache Band and Belles performed in the twinning ceremony held at the Tyler Rose Garden Building and marched in the parade from University Place around the downtown square.

The Band opened the show with the French national anthem.

TJC President Dr. Raymond M. Hawkins and his wife attended the special twinning dinner held at the Plaza Club. Entertainment was provided by TJC's Harmony and Understanding. Sophomores Alison Fazel and Lana Rushing represented the Apache Belles at the luncheon.

Visitors toured the campus in TJC vans. They were greeted with their tri-color flag of red, white and blue bars hanging on the front of Jenkins Hall.

Geologists to wash cars

The Geological Society will wash cars again from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday at Olson's Gulf Station.

The station is located on the corner of South Broadway and Loop 323.

Club members are taking pledges. Those not wishing to pledge an amount may have a car washed for \$3. Donations will also be accepted.

The money collected will go toward a special project, said Club President Matt Martin.

Student Senate brought home two first place plaques from the recent Texas Junior College Student Government Association convention in Fort Worth. These awards were for essay and multimedia presentations. They also received honorable mention for their scrapbook and three participation certificates. At the convention were (front) Senate Secretary-elect Debbie DeMasi, Senate President-elect Phillip Ambrose, Senate Secretary Jennifer Shields, Senate President Tim Worley, Sophomore Secretary Kim Crisler,

Sophomore Vice President Kearby Elliott and Parliamentarian Marquette Clay. Others were (back) Student Activities Coordinator Emma Lou Prater, Sophomore President-elect Jon Kimlicko, Robin Stewart, Zeta Phi Omega representative;

Senator Vicki Mahon and Zeta President Sherry Davidson. Not pictured are Paul Carpenter, Physical Education Major president, and Chuck Sowders II, 1982-83 Senate president, who served on the panel.

Forensics team wins 2nd

Skill. Strategy. Striving beyond one's limits.

TJC's forensics team combined these three ingredients to seize victory at recent national Phi Ro Phi tournament.

The four-member team took second place sweepstakes in the limited division, said Speech Instructor M'Liss Hindman. Only sophomores Bernard Cummings and Mark Morman advanced to semifinals.

Cummings won gold awards in dramatic interpretation, duet acting and prose interpretation. Morman took gold awards for duet acting and speech to entertain.

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Morman, president of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, is now highest-ranked student speaker in the nation.

Last year's forensics team also

placed second in the nation, but in the open division. The open division is for teams of five to 14 competitors. The closed division is for those with fewer than four.

"Primarily for financial reasons, it costs a lot to take these students to Casper, Wyo. We deliberately entered the limited division, because we thought we would have a better chance of getting a sweepstakes," Hindman said.

Of the 72 junior and community colleges competing, 37 entered the limited division, so there were more competing here than in the open division, said Speech/Drama Instructor Jacque Shackelford.

"I worked many long hours to prepare for this, both by myself and with Jacque and M'Liss," said Cummings. "I chose material that I knew had a good chance of winning, that people would remember, that had a theme. Something they would remember. And something I could do in, or even beyond my range."

Cummings and Morman performed a cutting from "Master Harold and the Boys," a play by Athol Fugard, for duet acting. Other team members included Jean Hagan and Cela Cuniff.

"Texans choose what they know will win."

"One judge commented that you can always tell what region a person is from simply by the material he chooses to perform. Most people from California do avant garde. Most people from the Midwest choose more traditional stuff and Texans choose what they know will win," said Cummings, a 20-year old Union Hill High School graduate.

"It's so competitive. It's not cut-throat. Everyone is supportive, but it's just that you're trying so hard to win that you can't think, 'Gee, they're so good, they should win,'" Cummings said grimly. "The blood rolls in the final rounds because everyone is so well-polished."

Week offers varied festivities

Greek and Western Week planned for April 23-28 offer a variety of special events. All students are invited to participate in the activities coordinated by the Student Senate.

The Week will start with Monday's 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take Your Teacher To Lunch. The lunch is free but you must have a ticket.

A Western Movie Festival in the Student Center is Tuesday's highlight. Three films will be shown, starting at 6 p.m.

"We haven't chosen the films yet," said Student Activities Coordinator Emma Lou Prater.

"I'm going to try to get all John Wayne films, but I'll have to check with the video rental place and see what's available."

Admission costs \$1 for an All Campus Buck-out at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Wheeler Arena.

Events include: bull riding, chute dogging, cow chip throwing, goat tying, hard money and tug-of-war.

Thursday features a 3 p.m. Field Day and All School Picnic at the Football Practice Field. Any organization may enter a team. The Country Boogie Band will play for the 8 p.m. dance and

barbecue in Gentry Gym.

A faculty golf tournament and picnic are planned Friday.

At 1:30 p.m. Saturday softball, tennis and volleyball competition will start.

"Our starting time will depend on how many teams are entered. If there are a lot of entries, we'll start in the afternoon, and if not we'll start in the evening," Prater said.

At 8 p.m. the Senate-sponsored all school dance begins.

All entry blanks and tickets may be picked up in the Student Affairs Office. Deadline for entries is April 23.

Selvidge overcomes handicap to seek college

By ELAINE REICHARD
Becoming an adult college student is a scary thought to most who consider the challenge. Attending college is difficult at any age if the person involved is han-

dicapped. Combining the two is inconceivable to most "normal" students, but such problems did not stop Sophomore Suzette Selvidge from returning to school.

Selvidge is a quadraplegic who survives in an iron lung. Outside her "tank," she must use a respirator since even her diaphragm is paralyzed.

Polio struck Selvidge, the eldest of five children, when she was 10. She spent her next two birthdays in the hospital.

Aided by her mother who took care of her, Selvidge managed to finish school, but eight years ago her mother died from cancer. Now Selvidge has around-the-clock sitters to care for her.

in an open truck in the rain, high winds and even snow," said Worthey.

"This is not good for two reasons," said Worthey. "One reason is because of her health. The second reason is that if her respirator gets wet, it will rust and be useless."

"I have a perfect attendance record."

"I have a perfect attendance record," joked Selvidge, "except for the first lab day."

"She's very intelligent," said Worthey, "very positive. Her faith in God is very strong."

Selvidge is a member of Tyler's First Baptist Church. "I watch on TV and get tapes from church," she said.

Her pastor, the Rev. William Shamburger, describes Selvidge as "radiantly courageous."

"She refuses to be pessimistic," he said. "She is an eternal optimist."

"She takes what she has and makes the most of it."

She became more assertive after her mother died, Shamburger said. "She takes what she has and makes the most of it," he explained.

The church pays for her sitters, some of whom Selvidge has won to Christ. Shamburger said, "She is a fantastic person."

"God gave her something the doctors couldn't," he said. He speculates that Selvidge may now see herself as a person with purpose and a mission in life.

Selvidge, who spends approximately four and one-half hours a day out of her "tank" says she likes to attend concerts and movies. She also likes to watch old movies and to sing, even

"It took three days for her to get me enrolled."

In January 1983 one of Selvidge's sitters, decided to enroll her boss along with herself.

"It took three days for her to get me enrolled," Selvidge said. She took only two courses the first semester, The Life and Teachings of Jesus and sociology.

Selvidge has attended every semester since, including summers. She will have 40 semester hours at the end of the spring term.

Friends bring a small tape recorder to classes for Selvidge and retrieve it when class is over. Most of her classmates who know her only as Suzie have never met the unusual student.

She goes to college primarily by tape.

Though she goes to college primarily by tape, Selvidge attends her Thursday afternoon geology lab. One of her sitters, Frances Worthey, brings her to campus in the back of a pickup.

"She has been known to ride



Geology Lab Assistant Tammy Mc

though no one wants to hear her she laughs.

The hardest thing for her, she said, is being totally dependent on others. "Most people take getting dressed and going out the door for granted," she said. "I look at it as a treat, but a chore. I have to make a conscious effort."

Selvidge hopes to graduate from TJC next December and to have her bachelor's degree by the time she is 40.

Her instructors have been very cooperative, she stressed. Without their cooperation, "I wouldn't be able to do any of this," she added.

After nearly 28 years of total dependency, Selvidge has reached a plateau most of us will never attain.

She has accepted her life as it is. Selvidge is at peace with herself.

Around Campus

- Thursday, April 12
Spring Blood Drive
- Friday, April 13
Greek Week ends
7 p.m.-Activity Night at Tri-C
- Saturday, April 14
Tri-C Retreat at Athens
Student Senate Retreat
- Sunday, April 15
Apache Belles Tea
8:30 p.m.-Fellowship at ABS
- Monday, April 16
7 p.m.-Bible Study at BSU
- Tuesday, April 17
Noon-Soup and Bread at Tri-C
7 p.m.-One-to-One College Women's Group at Tri-C
7:30 p.m.-Campus Crusade in Vaughn Conservatory
- Wednesday, April 18
Noon-Agape Lunch at BSU
4 p.m.-Bible Study at ABS
6 p.m.-Dinner and Devotional at Tri-C
- Thursday, April 19
10 a.m.-Rap at Wesley

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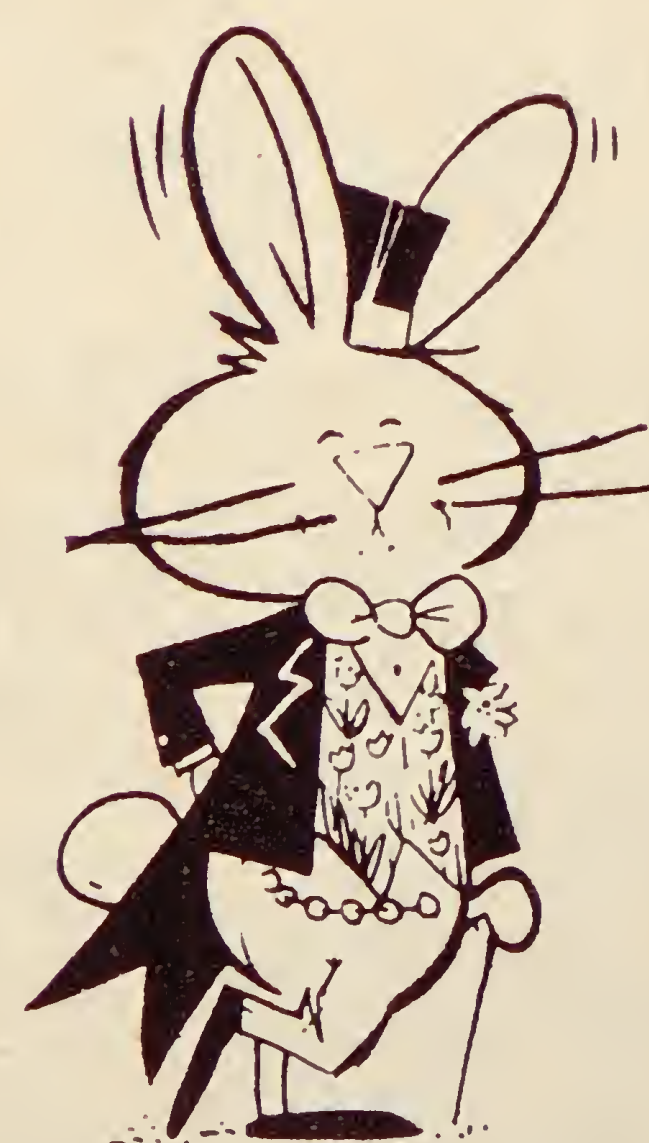


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Tammy Montgomery and Suzette Selvidge

With April in full swing and only a few weeks left of classes for most institutions, the search for summer jobs in Tyler will soon become intense.

TJC students have only four weeks of classes and one week of finals left. Those who don't have a job lined up may find it hard to compete with students from other institutions returning home for the summer. But TJC students have an advantage over the other job seekers--a computer terminal set up in the Counseling Center that has a program listing many job openings in and around the Tyler area.

"The use of the terminal has definitely increased since spring break," said Counseling Center Secretary Janet Bloyd. "Any student may use it. Just ask for help."

Area employers call the Counseling Center with the information needed, and the secretaries add it to the program. When the position is filled, the employer calls back and the job listing is cancelled from the program.

The program instructions are simple, said Bloyd: "Just go in and sit down at the terminal. If the screen is cleared, type in J-O-B-S, and the computer will then ask whether you want a full time, part time or both listings."

"After typing in your preference, the first job will appear on the screen," she explained.

The job description will include requirements for employment, hours and wages to be expected, responsibilities and the name, address and phone number the applicant will need to contact.

"Punch the ENTER key to see a new job listing. If you see one that interests you, punch PA 1 and the machine will print out the information you need," she said.

When finished, just leave the terminal as it is and the secretaries will clear the screen, Bloyd said.

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Zetas win Run

Zeta Phi Omega won the recent Student Senate-sponsored Loop Relay Run with a time of 39:09 minutes.

The Zeta team was composed of Michael Johnson, Sharla Davis, Billy Tippet, Kay Kinsey and Penny Parker.

In second place with a time of 40:55 minutes were the Baptist Student Union Striders made up of Dennis Randle, Sandra Fitzgerald, Steve Wright, Gregg Wright, Anita Birdsell and Aquilla Johnson.

The Cheerleaders' team of Angie Dowdy, Kearby Elliott, Robbie Chance, David Garrett, Sherri Davidson and Marquette Clay ranked third with a time of 41:45.

Receiving honorable mention was Sigma Phi Epsilon with a time of 42:21. Team members were Ramona Froeschl, Rick Good, Sam Lopez, Jobie Villanueva and Joe Cavazos.

Special thanks are due the

Tyler Police Department and the Smith County Sheriff's Department, said Student Senate President Tim Worley.

Thanks are also due the Physical Education Majors Club, Zeta and Sans Souci sororities and all the runners who participated in the run, he said.

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Police pick instructor for award

The Tyler Police Department has named Sergeant Eddie Clark, part-time criminal justice instructor, "Supervisor of the Year."

Clark, who has been with the department 13 years, now works in patrol operations. He was nominated for the award by his fellow workers.

An eight-member award committee selected Clark. The committee takes nominations made by officers and screens criteria and overall contributions to the department for each nominee, said Sergeant Nelson Downing.

"Clark has been a very active person in this department. He organized a field training division for new officers. This training covers every facet of their jobs as police officers. Clark also serves on the policy and procedure committee which recently completed a 600-page catalog. He is also a well-respected person," said Downing.

The award includes an engraved plaque and a check for \$200.

This is not the first big award for Clark. In 1972 he was chosen Officer of the Year.

"This shows that even though he is in the higher ranks, he is still making progress," added Downing.

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